

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claims 8-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A signal processing apparatus according to claim

7, comprising:

processing means for executing a plurality of processes;

assigning means for automatically assigning each process with a unique code used for executing each of the plurality of processes;

control means for controlling said processing means to execute the plurality of processes in accordance with the code assigned by said assigning means;

input means for inputting program data and program information of the program data;
and

searching means for searching the program information input by said input means in accordance with a predetermined search condition, wherein said searching means adds a search

point if a program matches a search condition and selects a program having a high search point;
and

wherein the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code by said assigning means for the plurality of processes is larger.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A signal processing method, comprising:

a processing step of executing a plurality of processes by a processing unit;

an assigning step of automatically assigning each process with a unique code used for executing each of the plurality of processes;

a control step of controlling the processing unit to execute the plurality of processes in accordance with the code assigned by said assigning step;

an input step of inputting program data and program information of the program data;

and

a searching step of searching the program information input in said input step in accordance with a predetermined search condition, wherein said searching step adds a search point if a program matches a search condition and selects a program having a high search point;

and

wherein the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code in said assigning step for the plurality of processes is larger.